

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY
Mental Health Court Expansion Project – (\$1,500,000 grant)

This project combines expansion and enhancement to the county's highly successful existing mental health court program providing in-custody and post-custody treatment and support services to an estimated 180 participants in Joshua Tree, Barstow, Rancho Cucamonga and the City of San Bernardino. In-custody services include screening, assessment, stabilization and discharge planning by a clinical therapist; in addition, the project includes a Sheriff's liaison that is responsible for coordinating with the detention facilities, mental health courts and treatment providers while project participants are incarcerated. Post-custody services are anchored in the following evidence-based practices:

- Forensic Intensive Case Management (wraparound services provided on a 24/7 basis by clinical staff, case managers and probation officers dedicated solely to supervising mental health court clients);
- Supported Housing (residential drug and alcohol beds for offenders with a co-occurring mental illness and substance abuse disorder, board and care, supervised sober living and other options);
- Integrated Mental Health and Substance Abuse Treatment (provided by certified clinical staff to dually diagnosed persons); and
- New Generation Psychotropic Medications (given upon release from custody to project participants with psychotic and/or major mood disorders until entitlement funding can be secured).

The project also includes funding to provide transportation for clients as well as to assist with their clothing, food and other basic needs as they are in the process of establishing eligibility for Medi-Cal and other entitlements.

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